

The Bamberg Herald

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SHORT LOCALS.

Brief Items of Interest Throughout the Town and County.

Thirty-one new subscribers were added to The Herald's subscription lists last week. Of these twenty-three came in voluntarily without solicitation. There's a reason.

Work was started last week on the erection of an attractive drive-in service station on LaVerne Thomas's lot at the corner of Main and Elm streets. H. E. Godbee will manage the station.

Four murder cases are already scheduled for trial at the next session of court for this county. Two of these were continued last week, one had not been passed on by the grand jury, and another occurred Thursday.

W. J. Harter, of Ulmer, Allendale county, has been appointed chief game warden for Allendale county, according to announcement by W. H. Gibbs, chief game warden of the state, with the privilege of working in any part of the state.

A charter has been granted by the secretary of state to the Denmark Planing Mill company, with a capital stock of \$50,000. L. M. Bagnall is president of the company; S. C. Pay-singer vice president, and R. K. Footman secretary and treasurer.

The transplanting of tobacco plants will begin as soon as weather conditions permit. Many of the farmers report that their tobacco beds now contain plants about large enough to set out. It is estimated that about 3,000 acres will be planted in tobacco in Bamberg county this season.

State aid has been granted to several schools in Bamberg county. The schools which will receive this money and the amount each will receive follows: Salem, \$200; Govan, \$200; Hunter's Chapel, \$200; Colston, \$200; Oak Grove, \$200; Lees, \$200; Ehrhardt, \$500; total for the county, \$1,700.

Friday evening the court officials and the members of the Bamberg bar gave a fish fry at the Edisto river, with Judge C. C. Simms, Solicitor R. L. Gunter and Stenographer J. D. Elliott as guests of honor. In addition to the guests of the occasion, the following gentlemen were present: A. L. Kirkland, S. G. Ray, B. D. Carter, J. C. Kearse, B. W. Miley, R. P. Bellinger, and W. G. Simms.

A civil service examination will be held in Orangeburg on April 24 for postmaster at Embree. The compensation of the postmaster at Embree during the past year was \$225. Applicants must be 21 years of age and must be residents of the Embree section. Application blanks may be secured from the postoffice at Embree or the Civil Service Commission, Washington.

Among the cases docketed for trial at the recent session of court here, one was of a negro who killed his father; another of a negro boy who killed his brother, and another of a negro woman who killed her husband. While court was in session a white woman was lodged in jail for killing her husband, and Saturday night a negro man shot his wife with a shotgun near town, the injury, however, not being serious.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

Cadet Russell Smith Died at Carlisle School Sunday Morning.

Early Sunday morning the Carlisle school was saddened because of the death of Cadet Russell Smith, of Garnet. Cadet Smith was stricken with pneumonia only a few days previous to his death. Every possible attention was given the young man, who was only about 16 years of age, including the hasty summoning of a noted specialist from Columbia, but nothing could stay the hand of the Grim Reaper and young Smith died about 3:00 a. m.

The body was carried to his home at Garnet Sunday afternoon for interment. The casket was draped in a United States flag, and on leaving the school barracks military honors were accorded the cadet. An escort of several cadets accompanied the body to its last resting place. Headmaster Guilda also accompanied the remains.

Young Smith entered Carlisle last fall, and was in the freshman class. He was a fine lad and was quite popular among his fellow students.

This was the first death that has occurred at the school in the student body in the 28 years the school has been in operation.

I have just received my last lot of seed Spanish Peanuts and King's Early Big Boll Cotton Seed. Place your order at once for same, as this is the last shipment of the season. I have also just received one carload of wire fencing. See me for prices. S. W. COPELAND, Ehrhardt, S. C. 4-8

WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND.

Mrs. Lottie Barrs in Jail for Slaying Companion With Hoe.

Mrs. Lottie Barrs, a young woman about 22 years of age, is in the Bamberg county jail charged with the killing of her husband, Cleo Barrs. Young Barrs died at the Roper hospital in Charleston last Thursday, and she was placed under arrest by the Charleston police. Sheriff Ray went to Charleston Thursday and brought the young woman to Bamberg. It is said that the difficulty which resulted fatally for young Barrs occurred at his home in the lower section of the county about four weeks previously. Barrs was carried after being wounded to the hospital for treatment; death resulting last week. The couple had been married, it is said, less than a year. Coroner Zeigler held an inquest over the body of the young man Friday, the verdict of the jury being that Barrs came to his death from a wound inflicted with a hoe at the hands of Mrs. Lottie Barrs.

Barrs was about 24 years of age, it is stated, and was a veteran of the world war.

Dr. Robert Black, who conducted the autopsy, testified that he found a four-inch wound on the top of the head about three inches above the right ear, which had exposed the brain, and a small wound over the right ear, which was sufficient to cause death.

Bertha Lou Carter testified that she heard Mrs. Barrs curse her husband; he said he was going to hit her, but witness did not see him do it. She saw her strike him and run in the shed. Barrs told his wife she need not run. She saw him after he was wounded. Mrs. Barrs showed witness the hoe and told her she had picked her chance to hit him while his back was turned. The fuss started about the mother-in-law of the dead man.

Mary Barrs testified that Mr. and Mrs. Barrs were fussing about going to Branchville, giving each other the lie. Barrs was preparing to go to Branchville when his wife ran up to him and cursed him. Mrs. Barrs told the witness her husband had slapped her, that the hoe was the first thing she saw, and that when he turned his back she hit him with it. Mrs. Barrs also told the witness she was sorry it had happened.

Joe Johnson testified that Mrs. Barrs told him she stepped up behind her husband and hit him, but was sorry; that she blamed her mother for it; that her husband told her to go, and he didn't want to hurt her; that he slapped her and her mother told her she would not take that; then picking up the hoe she hit him.

Jane Johnson testified that she asked Mrs. Barrs why she hit her husband, and she had replied that she did not hit him with the blade of the hoe; that she cursed him and stepped up behind him and hit him with the back of the hoe after he had turned his back.

Mrs. Katie Shedd's testimony was practically the same as the above witnesses.

Dr. L. H. Thomas, a physician of Branchville, testified that he treated Barrs when he was brought to his office, and described the wounds he found on his head.

FINAL REPORT ISSUED.

24,568 Bales of Cotton Ginned in Bamberg County 1919 Crop.

The final report of the bureau of census, department of agriculture, was made public on March 20, and shows that in Bamberg county 24,568 bales of cotton were ginned of the 1919 crop. Comparative figures of 1919 and 1918 crops are given below for the counties in this section:

	1919	1918.
Allendale	20,045	
Bamberg	24,568	35,411
Aiken	40,708	52,414
Barnwell	30,496	70,099
Colleton	12,543	23,336
Hampton	10,692	25,928
Orangeburg	87,940	112,004

Trains Delayed by Washout.

Passenger trains passing Bamberg Monday were delayed several hours on account of a washout on the Southern in Horsecreek valley, Aiken county. The big dam at Vauluse cotton mill broke Monday morning, washing away a section of the Augusta-Columbia division. The flood resulting from the breaking of this dam overflowed the Southern tracks at Langley, making it necessary for the trains to be detoured over the old Richmond & Danville road, which is on the other side of the pond from the Augusta-Charleston division. Trains from Augusta to Columbia had to be detoured via Aiken. The 6.01 p. m. train Monday evening did not arrive in Bamberg until several hours after schedule time.

The Oak Grove school, which has been closed on account of the influenza epidemic, reopened last week.

WOULD ANNEX TO BAMBERG.

Blackville Folks Make Definite Move to Join This County.

The people of Bamberg were considerably surprised to learn Thursday that definite action had been taken by the people of Blackville and adjacent territory to be annexed to Bamberg county. It was stated in the daily newspapers Thursday morning that Governor Cooper had on Wednesday received a petition from residents of that portion of Barnwell county asking for an election on the question of annexing 37.92 square miles of territory to Bamberg county. The area includes all of the town of Blackville.

The surprise in Bamberg was occasioned by the fact that it was not generally known here that the plan to annex to Bamberg had been resurrected. Such a plan was on foot last year, when a survey was made, and petitions drafted for signatures. As no action was taken on these petitions, it was thought locally that the project was dead.

At the invitation of a large number of Blackville citizens some 75 or 100 Bamberg citizens met with the Blackville people one night nearly a year ago, when the annexation proposition was discussed at length. The meeting was attended by a large crowd of enthusiastic annexationists, and it was resolved at the meeting to start the ball rolling the next day. John H. Cope, of Bamberg, was appointed a committee of one to see that an engineer was employed and got on the job at once. This Mr. Cope did, and the survey was made. It was agreed at the meeting that Bamberg would pay the expenses of the survey if the election was carried and if it was not Blackville would pay the costs. A portion of the money was raised in Bamberg, but afterward the entire bill was paid by the Blackville citizens. This was thought to have ended the matter.

It now comes as a pleasant surprise that the matter is not dead, but on the contrary, is very much alive. The quickness of the recent transaction is attributed to the fact that a project is now on foot to form a new county from portions of Orangeburg, Aiken and Barnwell. If this project goes through, there will not be sufficient territory left in Barnwell county for the Blackville folks' ever to get out of Barnwell, as it would leave the county with only its constitutional 500 square miles. In order, therefore, to get the matter through at all, it was necessary to do some fast work and get in ahead of the new county.

Bamberg county is, of course, glad to welcome the project, and it is hoped that the election will be ordered and that it will be unanimous. Blackville will never have occasion to regret joining Bamberg county, which is without question the best county in the state, the county that has plenty of money in the treasury and never owes a cent. All of this was clearly set forth at the joint meeting of Bamberg-Blackville citizens last year.

The area involved is one of the finest sections of South Carolina, and if annexed to Bamberg will add several hundred thousand dollars to the taxable property of the county. The town of Blackville is wealthy and composed of as fine people as there are in the county.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, March 30.—We have been having some rainy weather for the past few days.

The Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jennings were: Mrs. Preston McMillan, Misses Cora McMillan, Mary Clayton, and Ernie Kirkland, and Frank Kirkland, Jr.

Leighton, Leonard and Hallie Hutto, of Bamberg, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Isham Goodwin Sunday.

Clarence Fender, of Sumter, was at home here Sunday.

Miss Natalie Kearse is visiting Miss Agnes Kearse in Olar this week.

Miss Cora McMillan spent Saturday night with Mrs. Preston McMillan.

Rev. Walter Black dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Varn Sunday.

Frank Kirkland, Sr., and sons, Johnnie and Claude, went to the river on a fishing trip last Friday. They report a fine time.

S. C. Postmasters.

Washington, March 27.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nominations of the following postmasters in South Carolina: William D. Trantham, Camden; L. H. Floyd, Fairfax; Alma Jones, Graniteville; Ernest L. Joyner, Meggetts; Joseph W. Stalkner, Ninety-Six; Arthur A. Glover, North.

Revival at Trinity This Week.

Revival services are being conducted this week at Trinity Methodist church at 4:30 and 8:00 p. m. daily; preaching by the pastor. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY.

Willie Johnson Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter—Other Cases.

The special session of court which convened in Bamberg on the fourth Monday in March was adjourned sine die Friday evening, having disposed of nearly all the cases on the docket. Two murder cases were continued for one reason or another, and some minor cases were not disposed of. Jurors were notified not to come Monday.

Willie Johnson pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and was sentenced by Judge Simms to serve ten years on the public works. Johnson killed his father, Lawyer Johnson, near Denmark several months ago. The testimony at the coroner's inquest indicated that the elder Johnson, who was a man of good reputation, was taking the boy to task for using an automobile he had been forbidden to use. In the difficulty that resulted Willie shot and killed his father.

Theodore Crawford was found guilty of violation of the prohibition law, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve three months. The sentence was suspended, however, during good behavior and on the payment of \$10.

Clifton Faust pleaded guilty to manufacturing liquor, and was sentenced to serve three months or pay a fine of \$100; the sentence being suspended during good behavior and the payment of \$50.

Amos Carter was found not guilty of murder. Carter shot and killed another negro, Estlin Priester, near Ehrhardt, last year. The evidence was to the effect that Carter had taken up a calf belonging to Priester; that Priester came to Carter's house after the calf, bringing his gun with him. He found the gate to the lot locked, and with his gun in his hand was attempting to break down the gate when Carter shot and killed him.

Elliot Way was found not guilty of larceny from the field. He was charged by A. Q. Drawdy with having removed cotton from a field where he and his family were picking and carrying the cotton to his own house.

Gig Hodges, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses, has a sealed sentence awaiting him. Gib failed to show up for trial, and he was tried in his absence. He was found guilty.

WORKING THE STREETS.

Big Plow is Turning Up the Soil; Mixing With Harrow.

Last week the city authorities began the work of repairing the streets, and already several stretches of roadway have been built. Great improvement is noted in the roads already worked, and it is confidently expected that within a few weeks the streets of the city will show marked improvement.

A mammoth turnplow was recently purchased by the city council for road building purposes. Four strong mules are hitched to this plow, and the streets are thoroughly broken up. This is followed by a disc harrow, which breaks all of the clods of earth, and mixes thoroughly the ingredients of the street. Then the road is shaped up, drains fixed, and in a few days the street becomes hard again and smooth.

Most of the streets of the town have been clayed repeatedly, but years of use has caused the clay to be worked into the sand, leaving the roads sandy and full of holes. In most of the streets of the town it has been found that there is sufficient clay in the roads to make good surfaces when it is properly mixed with the sand, of which there is a profusion everywhere.

Last week the upper end of Railroad avenue was worked. Monday the street leading by the court house was shaped up, and Railroad avenue from Main street to the end of town is now being worked.

FERTILIZER DELAY.

One Dealer Sends Hands to Charleston to Load to Help Along.

Considerable delay is being experienced by a great many farmers in getting their fertilizers this year. This delay has been occasioned, it is stated, chiefly because of labor conditions, there being a serious shortage of help in the sacking and loading of fertilizers.

A few days ago one of the large fertilizer firms of this city sent a force of hands to Charleston to sack and load their fertilizers. This firm was notified that the fertilizer was ready for shipment, except that the shortage of hands would mean a delay in getting the guano properly sacked and loaded on the cars. In order to expedite shipment a force of hands was hastily gathered and sent to Charleston.

Other dealers and private users are contemplating taking the same steps in order to get their fertilizers with as little delay as possible.

BIG RAID NEAR OLAR.

Five Stills Captured and Ten Arrests Made Thursday.

One of the biggest raids ever pulled off in this county was made by state constables and federal officers last Thursday, when they visited the Kearse section, near Olar, captured five whiskey stills and made ten arrests. The arrested men, all negroes, were given bail by Magistrate O. J. C. Lain, who assisted the officers in making the raids.

During the raid one of the men arrested, Lisbon Walker, was shot and seriously wounded by one of the party. It has not been learned here who fired the shot that wounded Walker. It is said that he has a slim chance of recovery.

The party included Federal Officers P. J. Coleman, T. J. M. Scott, and W. D. Pegues, State Constable Smyrl and Magistrate Lain. In one instance a still was found in operation in the smokehouse of James Ray. The appearance indicated that only recently the still had been running in full blast, and that a new fire had been kindled under the apparatus to drain the last drops of precious liquid. When the officers got there, Ray, it is said, had gone off to attend a meeting. The captured stills were destroyed.

S. S. INSTITUTE.

Will Be Held at Bamberg Baptist Church Next Week.

Beginning next Sunday, and continuing through the week, a Sunday school institute will be held in the Baptist church. Dr. Thos. J. Watts, the director of the Baptist Sunday school work in this state, will be in charge of the institute. Dr. Watts will have associated with him a corps of specialists in this work.

Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. While this work is primarily for Sunday school workers, the public generally is invited to attend, and will be greatly helped by hearing these specialists. An invitation is also extended to other schools in the county to send representatives.

TWO GEORGIA TOWNS SWEEP BY TORNADO.

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night at Agricola, where five persons were reported killed and a dozen or more were injured. Heavy property damage was caused near Opelika and high winds and rain were general over eastern Alabama.

Wire Service Paralyzed.

Wire service, both telegraph and telephone, was partially paralyzed and it was almost impossible to ascertain exact damage or to get reports from many sections of the state that have felt the effects of the storm. Heavy rains fell throughout a great portion of Georgia during the day and it was feared flooded rivers might add to the suffering.

The Red Cross here was preparing tonight to rush supplies to La Grange by army motor trucks as the Atlanta and West Point railroad reported it could not dispatch a relief train because its wires were down. Its passenger train, New Orleans to Washington, No. 36, was not located late tonight.

Army engineers were preparing to go to West Point to rebuild a pontoon bridge they threw across the Chattahoochee river last December when floods that inundated the town caused \$7,000,000 property damage.

Death List Totals About Three Score.

March 28.—Tornadoes that struck in half a dozen states today caused a death list that may pass three score, caused property damage reaching millions and played havoc with wire and railway service in widespread districts. The great damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin, where the known dead were 23 and a number of other persons missing.

Atlanta reported that the death list in Georgia and Alabama was 36. Apparently there were three distinct storms, one striking in Georgia and Alabama and one striking in Indiana, while a third passed over Chicago to Lake Michigan.

The points suffering greatest damage follow:

Chicago suburbs, 15 known dead, hundreds injured, and damage of upwards of half a million dollars done. Elgin, Ill., eight known dead, several missing, and scores injured; property damage estimated at \$4,000,000.

La Grange, Ga., a death list as high as 30 and heavy property damage.

West Point, Ga., ten killed.

Near Fort Wayne, Ind., three killed, heavy property damage.

Agricola, Ala., five killed.

Greenville and Union City, Ohio, 16 reported killed.

St. Louis, 1 killed.

East Troy, Wis., one killed.

Swanton and Raabs' Corners, Ohio, a number reported killed.

RAIN! RAIN! AND HAIL.

Hardest Hail Seen in Bamberg in Years Fell Sunday Morning.

Several of the oldest inhabitants of Bamberg have been asked if they had ever witnessed a fall of hail either at eight o'clock in the morning or during the month of March, and all of them replied that they had not. Yet early Sunday morning the hardest fall of hail that has been seen in Bamberg in many years was witnessed here. The hail was the forerunner of the big storm that swept many sections of the country wreaking damage to the amount of millions, and taking on tornado proportions in some places almost swept away towns.

About daylight Sunday morning most of those enjoying their late Sunday sleep were rudely awakened by distant rumblings. In an hour or so these rumblings broke forth into peal after peal of summer storm thunder, accompanied by vivid displays of lightning. A few minutes before eight o'clock a few big drops of rain fell, and the familiar tap of hailstones was heard on the roofs, followed by a downpour of stones of such size and quantity rarely seen. Stones the size of marbles almost covered the ground, and some citizens reported having seen congelations of vapor the size of small eggs.

Fortunately very little wind accompanied the downpour of icy particles, and for this reason very little damage is reported to growing gardens and plants. The hailstones were whitish and not frozen hard, and were, therefore, very light.

A skylight in the Enterprise Bank was broken during the hailstorm.

The hail was followed by the hardest rain in months, which continued, in more or less intensity, throughout the day and during the night. Again about eight o'clock at night, there was a slight downpour of hailstones, but nothing like that of the early morning. Torrents of rain fell Sunday and Monday, flooding the fields. The fall of hail is reported pretty generally throughout the county.

Most gorgeous of all the pieces are

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For Sale—Two milch cows. Prices right. H. L. CARTER, Ehrhardt, S. C. 4-8p

For Sale—Dry stove wood always on hand. Order by a postal card. LELAND F. SANDIFER, Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

Lost—One black and white spotted setter; answers to name of "Gyp." If found notify J. E. SPANN, Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

Salesmen Wanted—To solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio. 1tp

For Sale—One-story dwelling on Carlisle street; four lots on Woodrow street; one Lexington touring car. For information see L. S. DUKES, Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

For Sale—White Spanish seed peanuts at 14 cents per pound; N. C. Runners at 12 cents per pound. Seed peanuts are getting scarce; if you want any, better get them now. THE COTTON OIL CO., Bamberg, S. C. 1tn

We Buy, raise, and sell fur-bearing rabbits and other fur-bearing animals. Place your order with us, and list what ever stock you have with us, stating lowest flat prices on large shipments. Address 515-517 N. P. Ave., Fargo, N. D. 4-22n

Strayed or Stolen—Two spotted sows, one smaller than other; the smaller one with pigs. Been missing about 45 days. \$5.00 reward for return or information leading to recovery. THOS. McMICHAEL, R. F. D. 2, Box 23, Bamberg, S. C. 4-1p

Wanted—Man with team or auto who can give bond to sell 137 Watkins home and farm products. Biggest concern of kind in world, \$1,500 to \$5,000 yearly income. This country open. Write today. J. R. WATKINS CO., Dept. 112, Winona, Minn. 1

Wanted—Men or women to take orders among friends and neighbors for the genuine guaranteed hosiery, full lines for men, women and children. Eliminates darning. We pay 50c an hour for spare time or \$24 for full time. Experience unnecessary. Write. INTERNATIONAL STOCKING MILL, Norristown, Pa. 5-27

Write or See Me For Delivered prices on rat and lightning proof metal corn cribs. Can furnish them in any capacity. Shape, either round, oblong or square. Can furnish partitions for large cribs. Absolutely rat and fire proof, a permanent farm improvement; first cost cheaper than wooden construction. W. E. STOKES, Bamberg, S. C. 4-29p

For Sale—Three room house on corner lot 245 feet deep, one block of Main street pavement, freshly painted, three fire places, well located, cow barn, well fenced, fine neighbors, rents for \$25 per month. For quick sale, \$3,000, terms to suit buyer. Apply to F. K. GRAHAM, Owner, or J. T. O'NEAL, Real Estate Dealer, Bamberg, South Carolina. 1tn

Ladies Wanted—For a few hours work among friends. Just a few hours work in the afternoon is all. We will pay you well for it. We prefer School Teachers and those experienced in canvassing for church work. Will accept others. Will you give us a few afternoons at good pay? Write at once. CAROLINA FARMER AND STOCKMAN CO., Dept. C, Charleston, S. C. 4-1n